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**Willem J.M. VAN DE VEN et al.** : **PLAG GENE FAMILY AND  
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**DECLARATION**

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Sir:

We, Willem Jan Marie Van De Ven, Karl Göran David Stenman, Koen Pieter Kas and Marianne Léontine Voz, declare as follows.

We are the co-inventors of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/242,772.

We co-authored with E. Roijer, A.K. Astrom and E. Meyen the publication Kas, K., et al., GenBank No. U65002, Laboratory for Molecular Oncology, CAS Registry No. 186288-05-1, submitted July 24, 1996. However, Messrs. Roijer, Astrom and Meyen did not contribute to the subject matter of the article except by carrying out the directions of one or more of the undersigned. At the time of the invention of the subject matter of the above-identified patent application, Messrs. Roijer and Astrom were Ph.D. students of Professor Göran Stenman. Likewise at the time of the invention represented in the above-identified patent application, E. Meyen worked as a laboratory assistant for Professor Willem Van De Ven. Because Messrs.

Roijer, Astrom and Meyen carried out the directions of the inventors, they were listed as co-authors of GenBank U65002.

We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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